

## GETTING INTO SHAPE

Several Non-Commissioned Officers Appointed Last Night.

## THE NEW MILITARY COMPANY

Nearly Every Man in It Has Been Drilled and Most of Them Have Seen Service.

Will Rent the Casino, A Chance to Help the Boys.

The new military company is getting into shape, and when the equipment and uniforms arrive, will present a fine appearance.

Captain Fitchett has announced the following non-commissioned officers: First sergeant, Newton Garthwright; second sergeant, J. B. Clinedinst; third sergeant, C. C. Moss; quartermaster, sergeant, T. H. Monroe.

These appointments were made at the meeting held last night, together with the additional statement that Captain Fitchett and Lieutenant Hatcher would not select the other non-commissioned officers until they had a chance to see what was in the men. After the men have shown what material they are made of, the best of them will be picked for the remaining offices, there being three more sergeants and eight corporals to select.

The company now has seventy-three men on the roll. The limit is seventy-eight. They are all young, vigorous, fine looking chaps. Captain Fitchett being the oldest man in the company. Not only that, but about all except five or six are drilled men, and the majority of these have seen service.

A new company was probably never formed of better material or started out with brighter prospects.

Captain G. W. Fitchett has had eleven years of military experience, and has been the captain of three companies—the old Rifles, Company K, of the Innkeepers, and his present command.

First Lieutenant H. P. Hatcher was captain of Company G, Fourth Virginia.

Second Lieutenant J. J. Woodhouse was a sergeant in Company K, Fourth Innkeepers.

First Sergeant Newton Garthwright, was a sergeant in Company C, Fourth Virginia.

Second Sergeant J. B. Clinedinst was third sergeant in Company K, Fourth Innkeepers.

Third Sergeant C. C. Moss was a corporal in Company C, Fourth Virginia and was assigned to the engineer corps.

So with most of the men. They are nearly all young veterans.

The company will meet hereafter every Monday and Friday night. The members will assemble at Moss' Hall until further notification. Captain Fitchett will endeavor today to make arrangements to rent the Casino for an armory.

In this connection, it is to be recalled that the city council paid the armory rent for the Huntington Rifles. There is no question that the City Fathers will do as much for this new company.

Not only that, but the boys ask the people of the city, generally, to come to their aid, and assist them in making the organization everything that it should be to fully represent a city like this. Attention is called to one way in which this can be done. The company is permitted to have thirty contributing members. These pay \$20 a year, and are exempt from jury service during their connection with the company, enjoying all other privileges accorded military men by the law.

The company has been thoroughly organized up to this point and application has been made to the adjutant general for examinations.

A name has not yet been selected for the organization. This will be done in a short time. "The Newport News Light Infantry" has been suggested and may be adopted, but if a better name is suggested it will be given due consideration.

## CONVINCING COMPARISONS.

### Appreciation of the Public Schools Shown by the People Here.

There is considerable excitement in school circles in Norfolk over the fact that there are 200 more pupils for the public schools than the board provided for.

Well, that isn't so bad. There were 513 more here than the board provided for, though provision has since been made for them.

Norfolk, with a population of 60,000, has a total enrollment of 3,600, and expects it to increase to 4,000.

Newport News, with an estimated population of 23,000, has now a total enrollment of about 1,700, which will certainly be increased to 2,000, and will probably increase to 2,200.

Note the proportion.

This, too, despite the fact that a large proportion of the residents of this city have not brought their families here, and the fact that a very large element of the population of Newport News is composed of young, unmarried men.

It is an eloquent testimonial of the appreciation of the people of this city of the advantages of education, and it is also a tribute to the schools and those who conduct them.

The action of the Board of School Trustees Thursday night in making provision for the pupils who could not at first secure places in the schools, has met with the heartiest approbation of all classes.

It is understood that the Huntington School will open Monday. This should relieve the pressure on the public schools to a considerable extent.

The Building and Supply Committee of the School Board did not meet yesterday. It will probably do so as soon as Mr. M. H. Lash returns in order to purchase the additional furniture ordered by the Board for the four new rooms to be fitted up for the schools. This furniture will be purchased under the same contract that a part of the rest of it was.

A room has not been selected for Professor J. F. Fries' fourth grade. Mr. J. J. O'Donnell, chairman of the committee, was on the lookout for a suitable

## PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

room yesterday, but did not find one that met his views. It is probable that when the room is rented and furnished, Professor Fries will put some other grade in it, as he will not consider it advisable to take part of one grade out of the East End building and leave the other part there. So, he will doubtless put one of the smaller grades in the proposed extra room.

## MR. GORDON'S FUNERAL.

Sketch of His Life, His Lovable Disposition.

The Richmond Leader yesterday published the following:

The funeral of Mr. Frank Gordon, mention of whose death in Newport News has already been made, took place Wednesday in Newport News, Rev. Mr. Lloyd, of Norfolk, conducting the services, and the interment was made in Greenlawn cemetery, a beautiful spot near Newport News. The funeral services were held from the residence of Dr. Louis Loeb, a warm friend of Mr. Gordon.

No death has caused more general regret in Newport News in years than that of Mr. Gordon. He lived there about eight years ago and speedily made hundreds of friends among all classes. He had a pleasant word and a smile for every one. Being of a retiring disposition, he visited but little, although he would have been a welcome guest at any home in Newport News.

Mr. Gordon was a great reader and a versatile brilliant man. With talents and intellect which would have placed him at the head in any profession which he might have chosen, he suffered his love for books to lead him away from the busy road of life, and was content to saturate himself with knowledge, which he turned to but little practical use.

Mr. Gordon was a moral man, although not a strict attendant upon church services. He was a staunch Episcopalian, was well versed in the teachings of that faith, and had the deepest reverence for religion in all its forms.

His mode of life was simple, and his wants were few. Being an unmarried man, he lived to himself in a comfortable, neatly furnished room, where he spent the greater portion of the time in reading and improving his mind.

Probably the most intimate friend of Mr. Gordon in Newport News was Dr. Louis Loeb, a well known young physician. When the former's health began to fail a short time ago, Dr. Loeb urged him to go to his residence where he might enjoy comforts not obtainable in bachelor apartments. Dr. Loeb's wife joined in the request and finally Mr. Gordon consented.

There he passed away, his dying moments being soothed by every means within the knowledge of physician and friend.

Brother, nephew and many friends gathered around the casket while the simple, beautiful Episcopal burial service was being read, and the remains were consigned to earth by loving hands.

It had been intended to bury Mr. Gordon in Tappanhook, where many of his family sleep, but this plan was abandoned on account of the extreme difficulty in reaching that place.

## MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

### Meeting of the Bridge and Health Committees Last Night.

The bridge committee of the council met last night at the courthouse and discussed matters relative to the approaches to the Twenty-fifth street bridge and the foundations for the Thirty-fourth street structure.

The health committee of the council met last night for the first time since the yellow fever scare and paid one bill for service on the quarantine line.

The Finance Committee will meet next Tuesday night for the purpose of devising ways and means for running the city government during the next fiscal year.

The new pump house in East End is now practically completed and yesterday was put in operation. It will be used in assisting in the difficult work of flushing the system.

Sewer Superintendent O'Donnell yesterday inspected the building and its contents.

Mayor Moss, Commonwealth's Attorney Newton, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilman Burcher and City Clerk Massie yesterday inspected the work on the sewer on Lafayette avenue, where the present contractors had so much difficulty with the work done by the Honans.

## Religious Services.

Rev. L. R. Wright, of Norfolk, will preach at the North End Baptist church tonight. He will also preach tomorrow at 11 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7:42 P. M.

Wesley M. E. Church, Thirty-fourth street and Lafayette avenue—Rev. W. F. Sheppard, pastor.—10:30 A. M., song and testimony; 11 A. M., sermon; 2:30 P. M., Sunday school; 4 P. M., Business Workers' praise service; 7:30 P. M., song service, followed by sermon and evangelistic work.

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## A PEERLESS VESSEL

Splendid Tribute to the Battleship Kearsarge.

## SHE WILL DO HERSELF PROUD

Her Builders Have Every Reason to be Gratiplied. An Expert Opinion of the Fighting Craft by Naval Constructor Bowles.

Under the caption of "The Peerless Kearsarge," the current issue of the Nautical Gazette contains the following fine editorial:

"No vessel of our new navy has been the subject of such interest as that bestowed upon the new battleship Kearsarge. This splendid ship, to be ranked among the finest of fighting craft of the world, came into New York harbor a few days ago, direct from the hands of the builders, on her way to the Massachusetts coast to test her speed officially. Those who saw her were struck with her beautiful appearance, for, notwithstanding that she is a vessel displacing 11,525 tons, she is so well proportioned and ingeniously designed as to bear a resemblance to a handsome steam yacht.

"On the way up the coast her sea-going qualities were thoroughly tested, and she was found to stand up under heavy armament as well as the steadiest merchant steamer, thus proving the wisdom and cleverness of her designers. For the Kearsarge is built upon a novel plan, having superposed turrets both fore and aft, a feature that has caused the old fogies to shake their heads ominously over and to predict all sorts of dire calamity.

"The ship was docked at the Brooklyn navy yard, where the coating of barnacles that had grown on her bottom during the year and twenty days since she was launched were removed, and with her hull smooth and clean she will be in prime condition for her trial on Monday next, Constructor Bowles, of the navy yard, in speaking of the craft, said:

"The new battleship is a big improvement over the Indiana type of vessel, both as to her sea-going qualities and fighting ability. When under way, there is practically no roll to her. On her trip up from Newport News, she only showed two degrees roll, which is a remarkable record. In respect to her fighting abilities, she has a big advantage over the Indiana and Massachusetts in the placing of her big guns. With the big turrets on the Indiana, the centre of gravity of the guns and turrets is not in the centre of the turret. The centre of gravity of a turret alone is in the centre of the turret, but the centre of gravity of the guns is not in the centre of the turret, so that when the guns are turned to port or starboard, the battleship is caused to list in that direction. In the case of the Kearsarge, both the turrets and their centres of gravity in the centre of the turrets. This was brought about by the arrangement of the armor on the turrets and by fixing each superposed eight-inch gun turret somewhat back on the top of the corresponding main turret, so as to counteract the overhang of the thirteen-inch guns; therefore, no matter in what direction the guns are trained, not the slightest list is caused."

"The Kearsarge will undoubtedly do herself proud on the official run. The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, her builders, have certainly reason to feel elated over their promptness in turning out this great fighting machine. She is bound to be a credit to them, and that the United States possesses a plant capable of constructing such a ship should be a continual source of gratification to every patriotic citizen."

## A HANDSOME BUILDING

To be Erected on Washington Ave. by Dr. D. S. Jones.

North Washington avenue is growing up very rapidly, as the number of new buildings in that section amply attests. The latest addition to the number is a handsome structure to be erected by Mr. D. S. Jones on the corner of the avenue and Thirty-fourth street. It will be fifty by one hundred feet and will be four stories high, of pressed brick and handsome design, as all of Mr. Jones' buildings are. The first story will be arranged for two stores. The bids have been received, but the contract has not yet been awarded.

## A CHANGE OF PLAN.

Union Gospel Mission Has Decided to Lease a Building.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Union Gospel Mission, held last night, it was decided to abandon the project of putting up a building for mission work, in view of the extensive improvements now being made by the various city churches. The scheme will, however, be revived a year or so hence.

In lieu of the proposed building the directors decided to lease the hall at No. 2618 Washington avenue, with the apartments above, for the work of relief which is carried on in conjunction with the evangelical endeavors of the mission folk.

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## Notice to the Public.

The Golden Gate Loan Company has removed temporarily to No. 2206 Jefferson avenue between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets.

9-21-11. J. BANKS, Manager.

## E. PEYSER, National Bank Bldg.

AGENTS FOR W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES

BEST IN THE WORLD.

## THE BIG STORE

12,000 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE.

## Chicago House Furnishing Co.,

3005--Washington Avenue--3005

## Six Months Have Passed

Since the doors of the big store were first swung open to the Newport News public, six months that were but a succession of trade triumphs. We can say with all propriety that the store has fulfilled the mission that it was created for and that Newport News has appreciated its efforts. The career of the big store—universally considered a very remarkable one—warrants a few words concerning the principles which made such success possible. We will state a few of them.

Why did the big store succeed so quickly in building up such a tremendous trade.

**Because we have no factories.** We buy our goods in open markets where all the world competes and where the manufacturer with the best goods and lowest prices gets the order. No firm confining to a single manufacturing organization can cope with such competition successfully.

**Because we do not misrepresent in the store or out of the store and can therefore sell cheaper.** The larger the business the smaller the expense percentage. That means low prices for you.

**Because we are attending to our own business with malice toward none, with charity for all.** We look straight ahead and attend to our own affairs. We are not jealous of competing stores, but are happy to live and let live.

**Because your money back if not as represented.**

**Because we guarantee satisfaction in everything.**

**The September Furniture Sale** is a continuation of the August Furniture Sale, the same values are in evidence, the same enthusiasm is contagious. We quote a few articles that appeal to your needs. There was never a better time to buy than now. Morris chairs, solid oak, brass rod, tow cushion, carved in fancy velours; regular \$10 value, \$6.00.

Rockers—Biggest line in the city, all the latest novelties. We can please the most fastidious. Our leader for the week, nicely upholstered bottom polished oak or mahogany, a regular \$5.00 value for the week \$3.00.

Lace Curtains—Isn't it time to relegate the old ones? Have they become torn and yellow? Here is an opportunity to replace them with fresh snowy dainty ones. The prices are low and you will enjoy the grace they will give to the windows.

Renaissance, the patterns are wrought in best quality net, worth \$10 to \$17.50, our prices range from \$9.99 to \$15.00. Irish Point Lace Curtains, Renaissance and Point Arab designs, worth \$7.00 and \$8.50 per pair, our prices \$6.00 to \$7.00. Good bedroom curtains \$1.00 per pair.

Tapestry, Portiers and Draperies, biggest line best selected. They range from \$1.50 per pair to \$25.00.

Dining table, five foot, nicely finished, regular price \$4.50, our price \$3.50.

The parlor suits, practical, attractive, elegant all of have seen and recognized this type of furniture in any home. Humble or grand it is defined by its perfect harmony and abates none of its proper dignity because it was secured for our big sale at a very small cost. These quotations will thrill your interest if you are sagacious and frugal. Five piece parlor suits highly polished, mahogany finish, birch, spring seat and edge, covered with silk tapestry in your choice of colors, worth \$45. Sale price \$35.

## Griffiths & Lewis

28th Street and Washington Avenue.

## LINEN SALE.

### TABLE DAMASKS.

Kindly explore the linen press and if you find yourself short on table damask, you have an excellent opportunity to replenish same from these offerings at lower prices than you usually pay for like qualities.

62-inch Bleached all pure Linen Table Damask, 39c. per yard.

66-inch Bleached all pure Linen Table Damask, per yard 50c.

72-inch Bleached all pure Linen Table Damask, 60c. per yard.

72-inch Bleached all pure Linen Table Damask, per yard, 75c.

54-inch Brown Table Linen with red border, pure Linen, per yard, 25c.

### TOUCHING TOWELS.

Several lots of handsome towels have come our way. Enough to make a stir with. These prices in the face of a steadily advancing market are wonderfully low. Good time to stock up.

10c. Linen Towels 10c. each.

25 dozen Linen Towels, size 18x34, 10c. each.

LINEN 12½c. TOWELS.

25 dozen Pure Linen Towels, size 20-inch by 39 inch, 12½c. each; a bargain.

LINEN 19c. TOWELS.

25 dozen Pure Linen Huck Towels, size 22 inch by 40 inch, with red, blue and white borders, 25c. each.

DAMASK TOWELS, 25c. EACH.

25 dozen Pure Linen Damask Towels, size 25 inch by 52 inch, with red, white, blue and yellow borders, 25c. each.

LINEN NAPKINS.

Can't reproduce them in print, but will do our best to give you a fair idea of the excellence of the offerings by quoting sizes, actual values and the difference between regular prices and our present prices.

25c. DOZEN.

Fringe Linen Napkins, size 11 inch by 11 inch, all colors, for 25c. dozen.

50c. DOZEN.

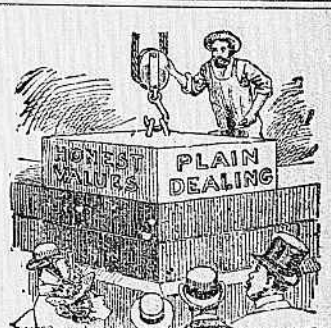
Fringe Linen Napkins, size 14 inches by 14. Pure linen, in white, 39c. dozen.

39c. DOZEN.

Fringe Linen Napkins, size 14 inches by 15 inches. All Pure Linen, bleached, 59c. dozen.

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## Corner Stone

—OF OUR—

## Store's Success

We point with pride to the business landmark which four years of unceasing effort has established. It is the pleasure of our life to cater to the wants of the bargain hunting public.

The current week we are offering a quantity of

## Seasonable Goods.

Mason's best fruit jars, 60c, 75c, and \$1.00 per dozen.

Preserve crocks ½ gal. up to 6 gals. 10c and up.

Bean pots, (Boston) 15c and up.

Rebecca tea pots, 15c and up.

Yellow bowls and baking pans, 50c and up.

## Limoge Stock Pattern.

Prettiest pattern you ever saw. Sell you one piece or 100 pieces dinner set. Stock pattern white China of same goods. Odd pieces white French China at half price.

## Souvenir China.

If you love pretty things take a look at our new line of local views painted on fine thin china.

## Have You Got That Filter Yet?

## ADAMS'

## Racket Store,

2915 & 2917

Washington - Avenue.